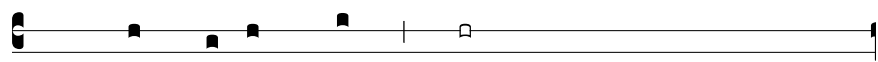


The Easter Proclamation

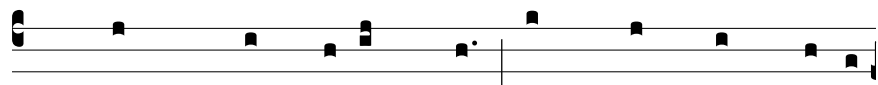
adapted from The Anglican Service Book

Deacon (or Cantor)

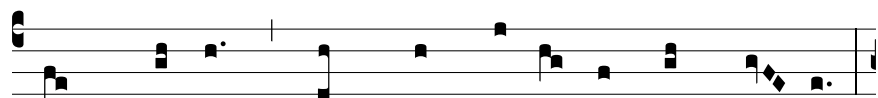
Re-joice now, all ye heavenly legions of
Angels: all high things that pass understanding:
for the King that cometh with victory, let the
trumpet proclaim salva-tion. Sing with joy, O earth,
il-lumed with this ce-lestial radiancy: and en-
lightened by the eternal God, thy glory, believe
and know that thou hast put away the dark-
ness of all man-kind. So likewise let our Mo-



ther, his ho-ly Church, welcome the bright beams

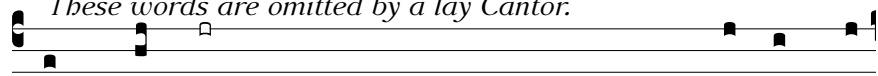


of light shed upon her: and let his ho-ly

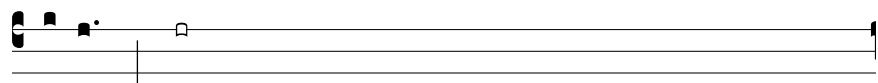


courts be filled with the prais-es of his peo-ple.

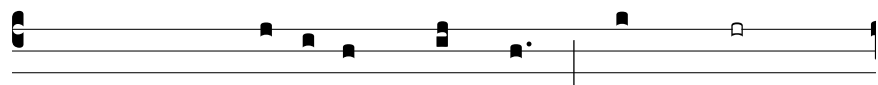
These words are omitted by a lay Cantor.



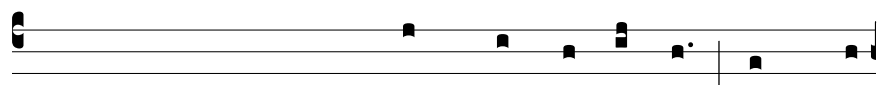
I pray and beseech you therefore, dearly be-



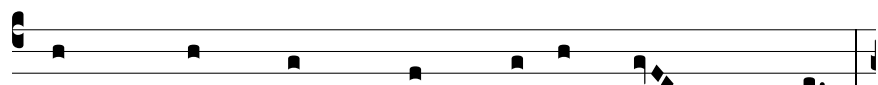
loved, that all ye who here are present seek-



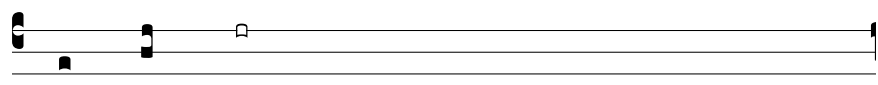
ing this heavenly brightness, make your sup-



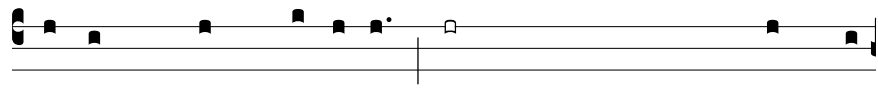
plication with me to the Almighty, that he



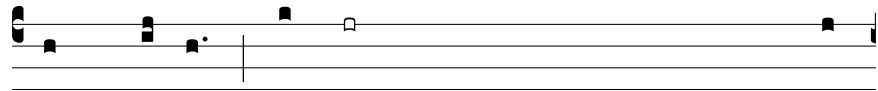
would show forth his mercy toward me.



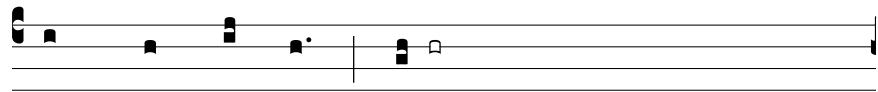
That he who in my unworthiness numbered me



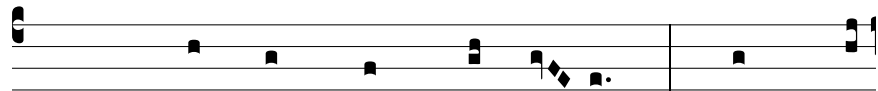
among his min-isters and called me to do



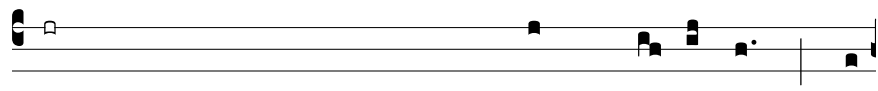
him service: so also may vouchsafe to light-



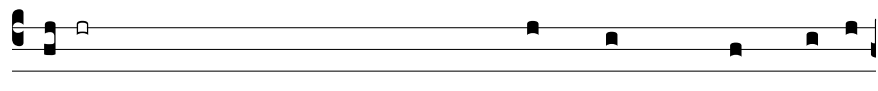
en my darkness, making me meet to praise



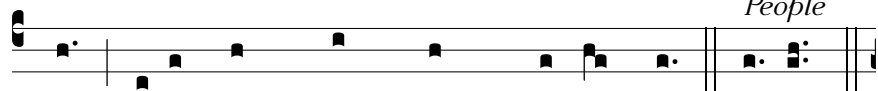
this gift of fire with thankful-ness. Through Je-



sus Christ, our Medi-ator and Redeemer: who



liveth and reigneth with him and the Ho-ly



Ghost: ever one God, world without end. Amen.



The Lord be with you. And with thy spir-it.



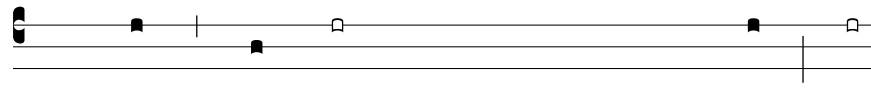
Lift up your hearts. We lift them up unto the



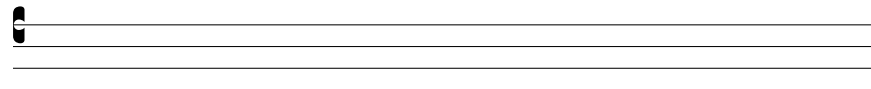
Lord. Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.



It is meet and right so to do. It is very meet



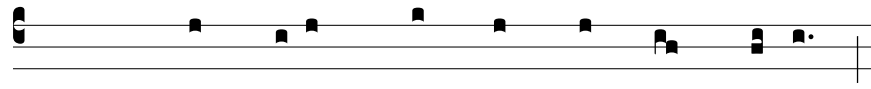
and right, that with the service of our lips we



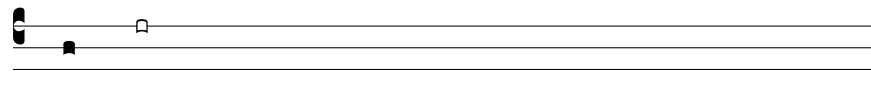
should glorify and praise with heart and soul God



the invis-ible and almighty, and likewise his only



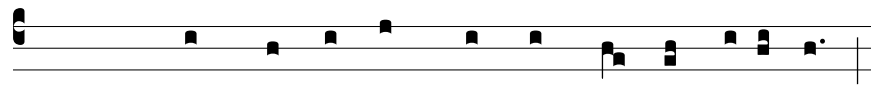
begotten Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior,



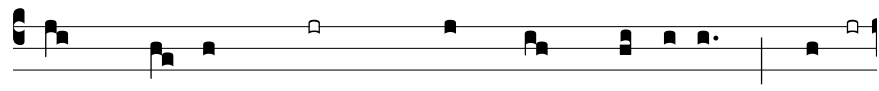
who paid for us to the eternal Father the debt



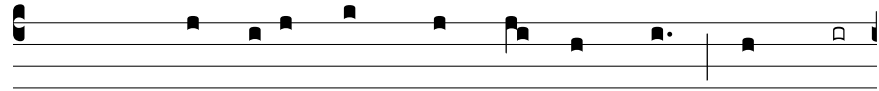
of Adam's transgression: and with his dear blood



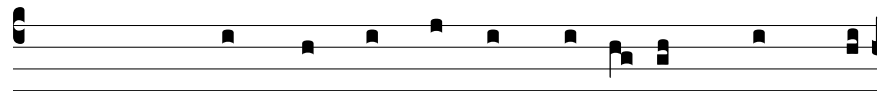
wiped away the reproach of our former offenses.



Now therefore we sacri-fice our Passover, wherein



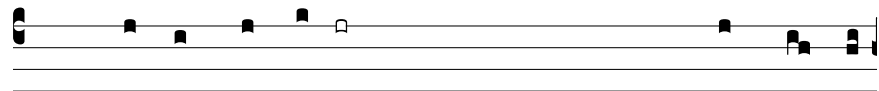
for us the very Lamb of God is slain, by whose



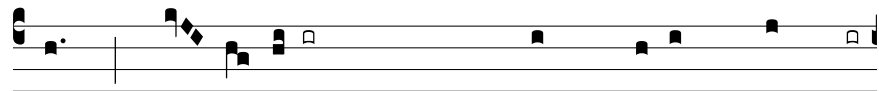
blood the doors of his faithful people are made ho-



ly. The night is come, wherein, when our fathers,



the children of Isra-el, were led forth out of E-



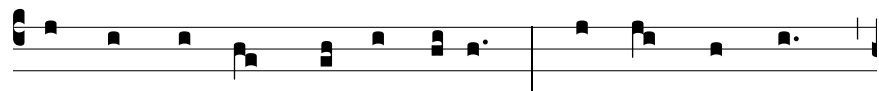
gypt, thou di-videdst the sea and madest them to



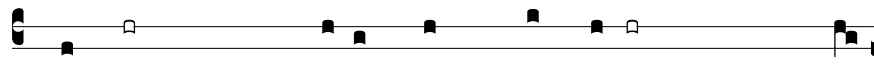
pass over as on dry land. Yea, the night is come,



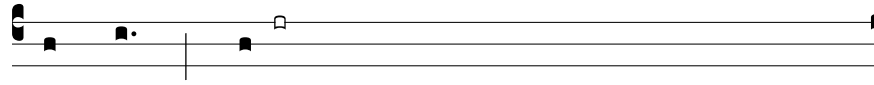
that with the fier-y pil-lar hath purged away the



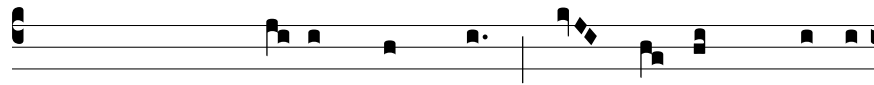
darkness of our condemnation. The night is come,



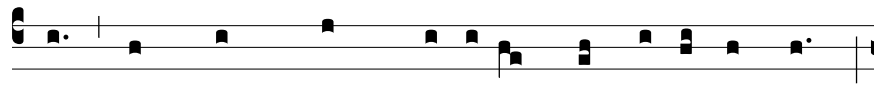
whereby all that believe in Christ upon the face of



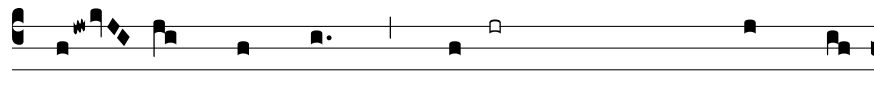
all earth, de-livered from this wicked world and



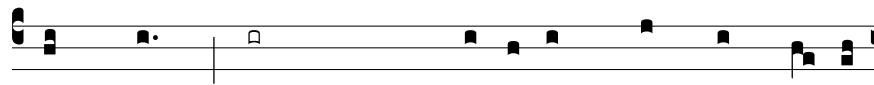
out of the shadow of death, are re-newed unto



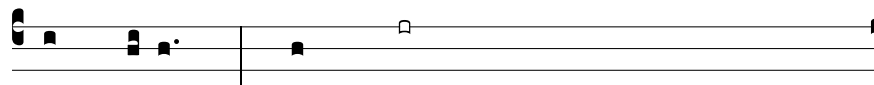
grace, and are made partakers of e-ternal life.



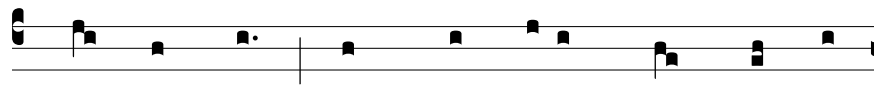
The night is come, wherein the bonds of death



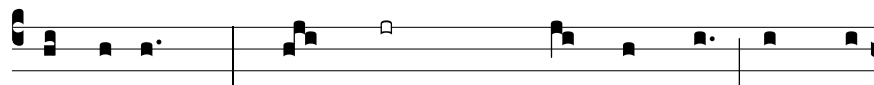
were loosed, and Christ harrowing hell rose a-gain



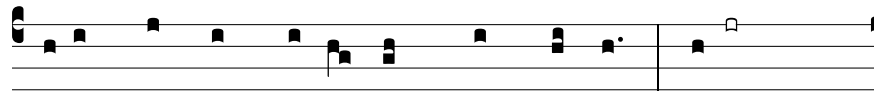
in tri-umph. For wherefore should man be born



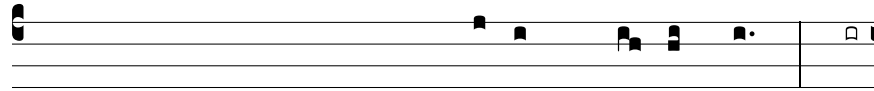
into this world, save that be-ing born he might



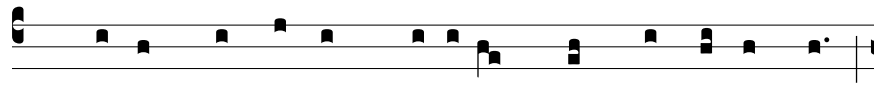
be redeemed? How wonderful then, O God, is thy



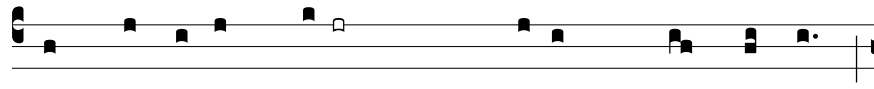
loving-kindness unto us thy children! Behold, what



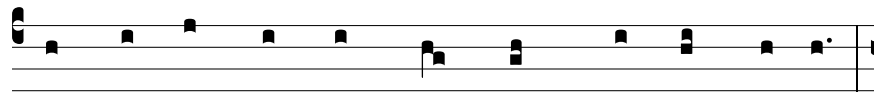
manner of love he hath bestowed up-on us: who



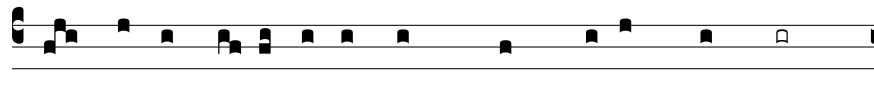
to redeem a servant de-livered up his only Son!



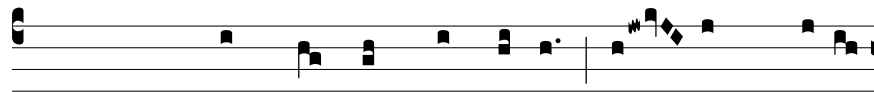
O wonderful providence of Adam's transgression,



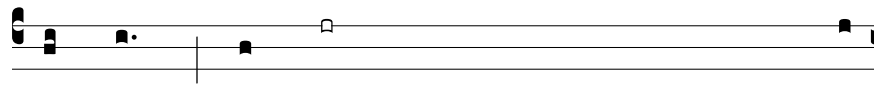
that by such a death sin might be done away!



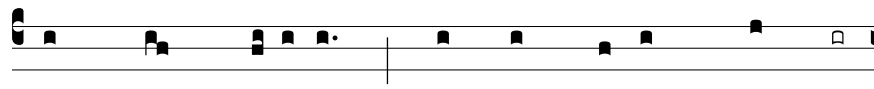
O blessed in-iqui-ty, for whose redemption such a



price was paid by such a Savior! O night veri-



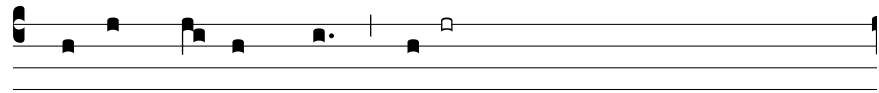
ly blessed, to thee alone that time and that hour



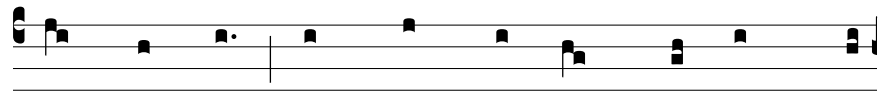
were made mani-fest, when our Savior Christ rose



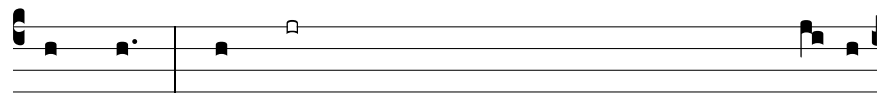
again from death unto life. The night is come



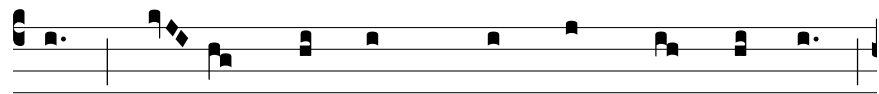
whereof Da-vid said: Behold the night is as clear



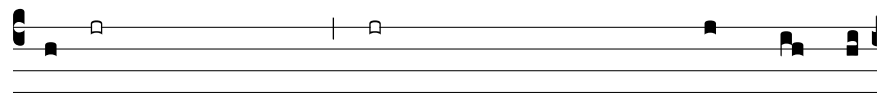
as the day: then shall my night be turned in-



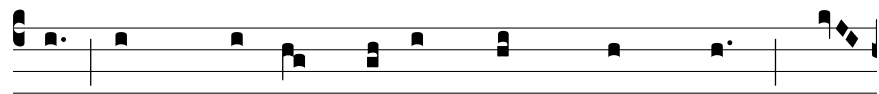
to day. The mystery therefore of this most ho-ly



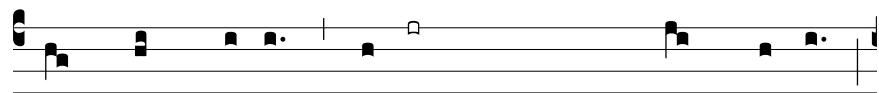
night put-teth to flight the deeds of darkness,



purgeth away sin, restoreth innocence to the fall-



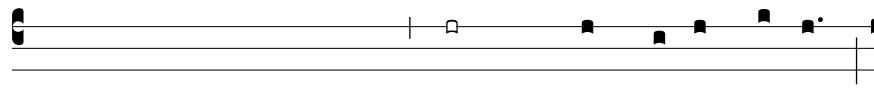
en, and gladness unto them that mourn: cast-



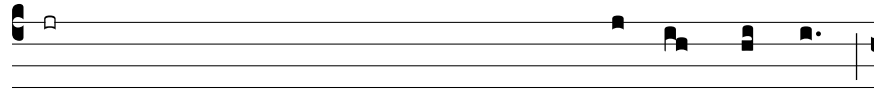
eth out hatred, bringeth peace to all mankind,



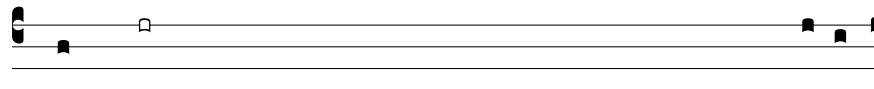
and boweth down mighty princes. Therefore, in



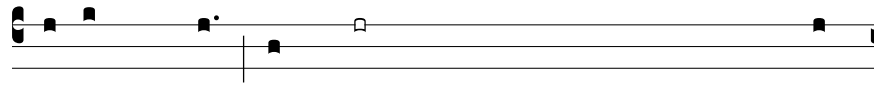
this thy favorable time, accept, O ho-ly Father,



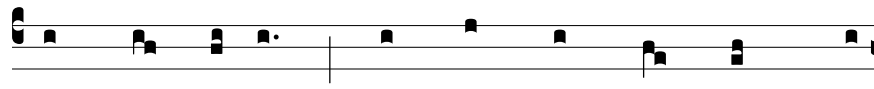
this our evening sacri-fice of this lighted candle:



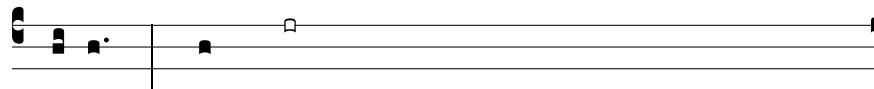
which as at this time thy holy Church maketh



be-fore thee, and offereth to thee by the hands



of thy servants, the work of the bees, thy



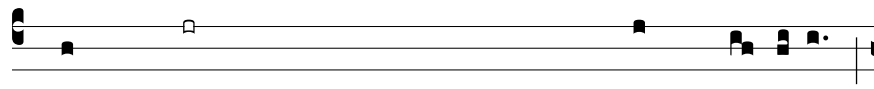
creatures. Ye hear, brethren, the meaning of this



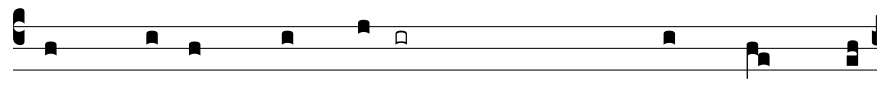
pil-lar we have set up, whereunto in God's hon-



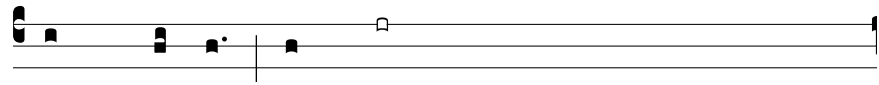
or the bright flame of fire doth set light.



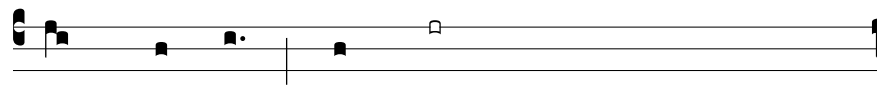
Which though it be never so much di-vided,



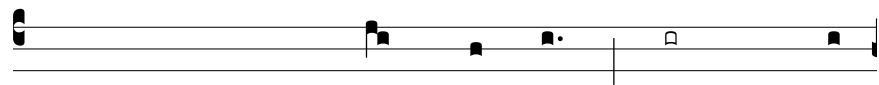
yet knoweth not variableness nor loseth aught of



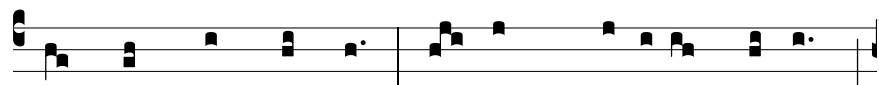
its splendor. For the wax that melteth doth but



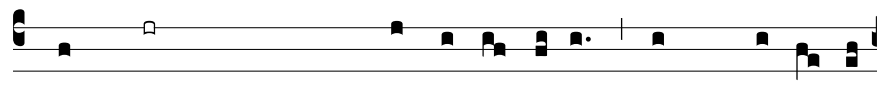
feed the flame, for thereunto have the creatures



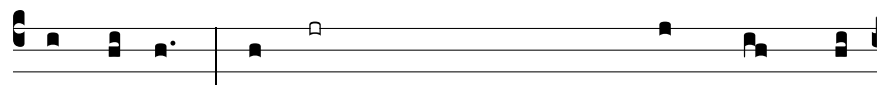
of God's hand brought it forth, that it should



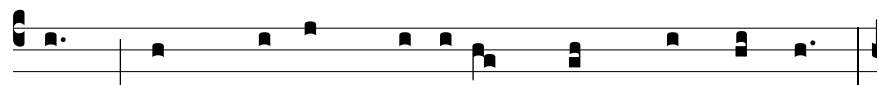
give light in darkness. O night, ver-i-ly blessed,



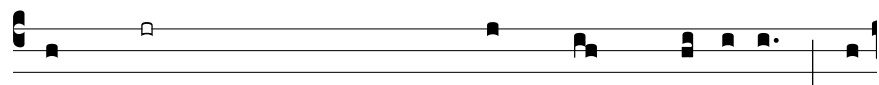
which did spoil the people of Egypt, and magni-fied



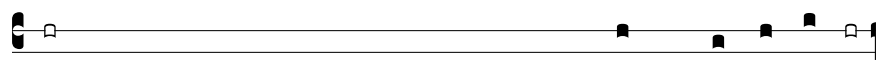
the Hebrews! O night, wherein heaven and earth are



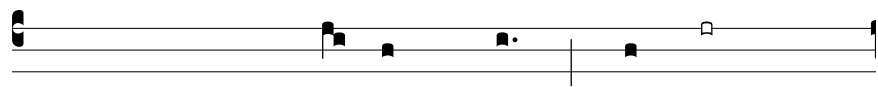
joined, and mankind partaketh with the Godhead.



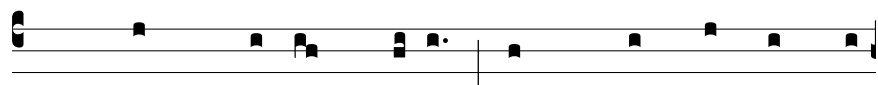
We pray thee, therefore, O most merci-ful: that



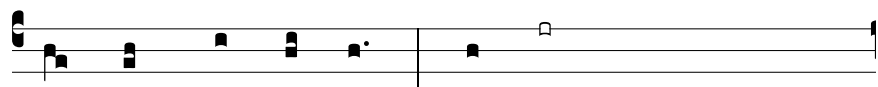
this candle which we have lighted and consecrat-ed



before thee in thy own Name, may continue to



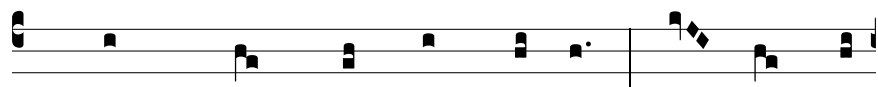
shine forth without ceasing, and may vanquish all



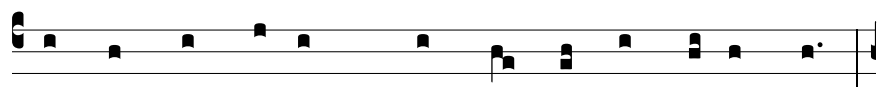
the shades of darkness. That be-ing accepted before



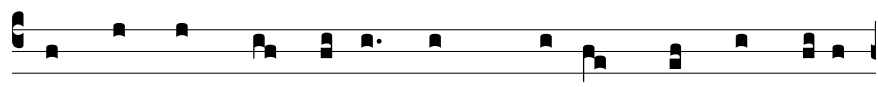
thee as a sweet savor, it may be numbered with



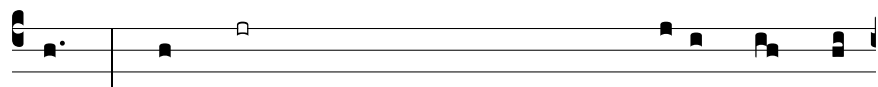
the lights that thou hast kindled. May the day-



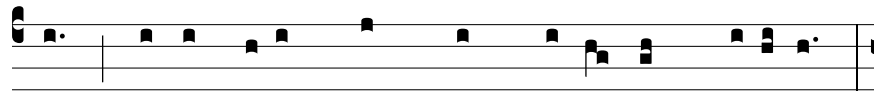
star find it burning when he dawneth into day:



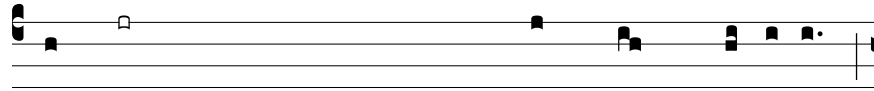
the day-star that ris-eth and knoweth not his go-ing



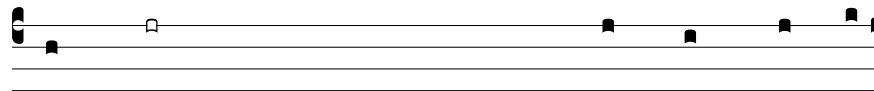
down: but coming forth from the places of dark-



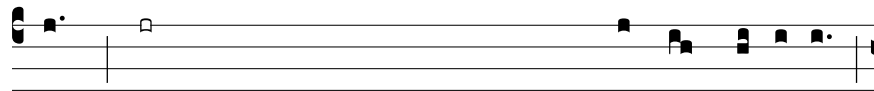
ness gladly giveth forth light unto all cre-ation.



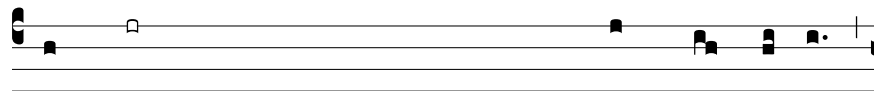
We beseech thee, therefore, O most merci-ful:



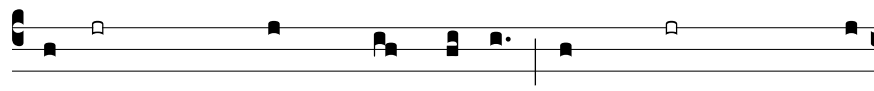
that thou wouldest direct and guide us thy ser-



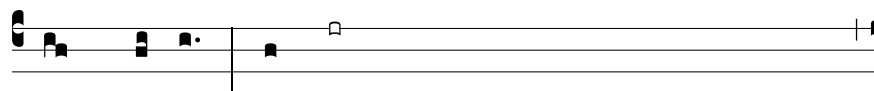
vants, and the hearts of all thy faithful fami-ly:



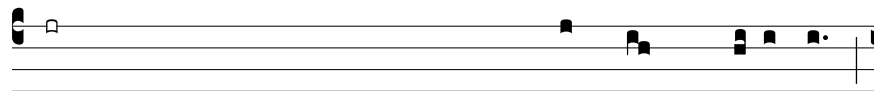
and all those also that minister in thy service:



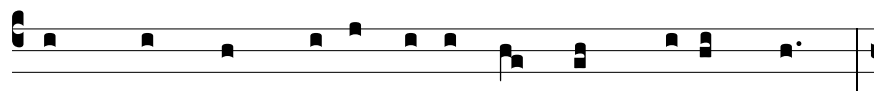
especially N. our Chief Bishop and thy servant N.



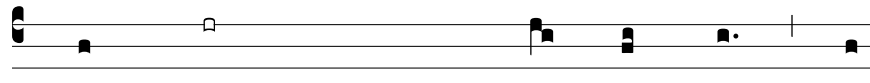
our Bishop, so helping us with continu-al grace,



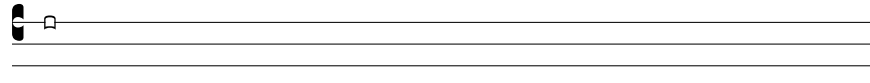
that we may pass our time in rest and qui-etness,



in the glad so-lemni-ty of our redemption.



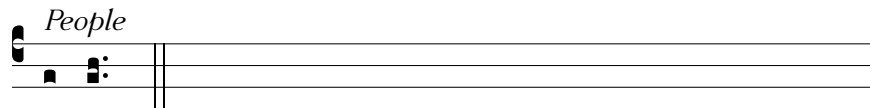
Through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord: who



liveth and reigneth with thee in the unity of the



Ho-ly Ghost, ever one God, world without end.



People
Amen.